FOR EARLY FALL.



GRAY CASHMERE GOWN BRIGHTENED BY INSERTIONS OF WHITE MOHAIR BRAID OVER SCARLET.

Japan's Ambitious Aim. (Atlanta Constitution.)

While the idea of a serious international lifficulty with Japan is in the highest degree preposterious, it is, nevertheless, of some interest to note the gigantic naval des which the little island kingdom of

be Pacific is making. Within the next ten years Japan exects to add to her naval outfit, which as already attained fair dimensions, four eattle ships of 15,240 tons each; six first-eass cruisers of 9,70 tons each; three seond-class cruisers of 4,850 tons each; two third-class cruisers of 3,200 tons each; three torpedo gunboats of 2,200 tons each;

NEWEST FASHIONS.

FELTS WILL NOT BE SO POPULAR AS HERETOFORE.

A BRAND NEW STYLE OF CAPE.

Constitutes the Latest Trimming for Full-Dress Gowns-Jet Spangles Are Again Popular.

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.) NEW YORK, August 21 .- I am told upon the very best of authority that there will be no irondlad rules for a long time regarding the shape of hats. The stiff feit is no longer ruler. In its place is the material known as mauchou, which is really a sort of cylinder of felt, which can be transformed into almost any shape which the milliner may desire.

And there's the rub-the milliner. She is responsible for the decadence of the stiff and authoritative felt pattern or shape. It was too much of one thing. and if there is anything the milliner loves it is to be able to stamp her wares with some of her own individual taste, which she had very hard work to do with the stiff feit shape. Undoubtedly there will be a sort of general uniformity, but there will be always a difference, and with a decided distinction.

As to the colors we are going to wear on our heads this fall, different shades of gray or a mixture of gray and white will be largely in evidence. Then there are harmonies in violet, mixtures of green and black, gray, and other dull tones, brightened up with rose color and beige, combined with black. Beige usually ap-pears in the foundation, and is extended less frequently to the trimming. For travelling and morning hats this color will be used as much as gray. The shape most fancied for these hats is the soft Tyrolean, with a wide band of gros-grain round the crown, which is squeezed into a deep ridge at the top. A bunch of quill feathers or a handsome buckle may be added by way of decoration, but these ants will be frequently worn without. new models are considered smaller than those in vogue at present, but they still have decided brims. Low crowns

seem to be most in favor, and toques are siightly smaller than they were last year, and are almost invariably cocked up over the left ear. For fabric hats drawn arrangements obtained by gauging are better liked than smoothly for this purpose, but will share popular favor with silk, especially plain, glace, and moire taffetas. For puffed toques and hat crowns, silk will also be used as much as velvet. Farry woven materials, including lace and net, made up

riais, including face and net, made up over silk, will be in demand.

In trimmings, velvet plays an important part. Velours, miroir, plain, and glace, made up into fringes and puffs, will be preferred to ribbons for hats of all shapes, while some fancy velvets with very small dottings or tiny checked effects are also soon. Flowers will be effects are also seen. Flowers will be very little used during the coming season, plumage taking its place at the great demand, ostrich and gaura taking the lead for the more expensive trim mings. Jet will also be very popular

torpedo-bats. If this ambitious plan is carried out, Japan's naval equipment in 1905 will embrace sixty-seven battleships, both large and small, with a total displacement of 258,309 tons.

In spite of the empire's restricted population, it is evident that Japan, with such a paval outfit as this, would be able to inflict serious damage upon us. But the island kinedom is too discreet to engage in hostilities with the United States, even though possessing the power to give our battleships a lively tursle. In reaching out after new ideas, Japan is anxious to retain the friendship of the United States, and she cannot afford to displease or antagonize us. Whatever action this country may see fit to take, therefore, in dealing with Hawaii, it is safe to predict that our relations with Japan will not be seriously interrupted.

STARTLING BATHING COSTUME.



WHITE SERGE COSTUME ENTIRELY TUCKED AND FINISHED AT THE NECK, WAIST, AND KNEES BY BANDS OF PALE-BLUE SURAH.

A FALL SENSATION.



THE GREATEST NOVELTY FOR FALL TO A JOHAN FOR EQUESTRIENNES, IT IS CUT BY THE PATTERN OF A LOOSE BACKED SACK FITTED BY AN UNDERARM PIECE AND RICHLY OR NAMENTED WITH BRAID.

tween season wrap can be had than one of these pretty capes.

Another style of braiding is also in favor for full-dress gowns. This is quite new, as far as we are concerned, though the custom dates back as far as a century ago. It is braiding in cord made of silk, and somewhat coarse, and will be much used this coming season for will be much used this coming season to elaborate evening dresses. Still another kind of braiding is to be used on the short, jaunty looking jackets, that will be much worn for late summer. One of these is made of bright red cloth, closed half way down the front, and opening to show the shirt or blouse beneath. The collar is small, but close-fitting, and the collar is small, but close-litting, and the sleeves have only an almost imperceptible fulness at the shoulder. It comes down to within a couple of inches of the waist, and is slashed up on the side seams. The only trimming is the narrow gold braiding which borders it all around, and is carried around the double row of brass buttons which adorn the side seams and the cuffs.

A Brilliant Social Event at Max Meadows Inn.

WYTHEVILLE, VA., August 19.—(Special.)—The most delightful ball of the many that have been given at Max Meadows Inn this season was that of Tuesday. The night was perfect, the long dancing-room was

seams and the cuffs.

No better be-e had than one The blouse currasse, with shoulder straps and shaped basque hand coming down Mr. A. J. Dill and wife, of Harrisand shaped basque hand coming down over the yoke of the skirt, was of gray velvet, elaborately embroidered with steel beads and spangles. The yoke of the blouse was of gray pleated velvet, and the sleeves were of the cashmere and small leg of mutton in shape. The neckband and waistband were of smoke-colband and waistband were of smoke-colband and waistband were of smoke-colband. Williams, of Danville, are visiting at Judge Williams's. ored gray velvet, the entire costume being thus of unrelieved gray, the glistening steel of the embroidery forming the only bright touch.

> THE GOVERNOR LEADS A REEL. A Brilliant Social Event at Max

brilliant with light and color, and We are going to wear spangles again, both in jet and colors, although the former will be especially fashionable. Jet bands in spangles and colored jewels are bands in spangles and colored jewels are

both in jet and colors, although the form; er will be especially fashlounds. Jet bands in spangies and colored journal servery effective, and spangies and colored journal servery effective, and spangies and colored journal servery effective, and jet in combination is one of the new garntures. and bloose fronts of black not embroidered in jet and colored will also be much worm. Slik to be the material whom worm. Slik to be the material whom worm. Slik to be the material whom worm all keeps to be to be such the short hard in the color of the bloose much worm. Slik to be the material whom worm and Mrs. W. R. Richardson, of New Orleans. Later in the evening the collion was stratefully led by Mr. John Rindolph followed from the colling of which we have a strategied were Mr. and Mrs. Charles and the direction of Psychosor J. Mass. The opposite styles for early full continues will be the bloose vest with a basque betted around the walts and the short-fitted jacket. Among the latter are to be found some broad collar continued in lapsis, a triangular note better will be the bloose vests and sho made open in front, have no lapsis, but curve gently up to finish in a high collice.

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A Brilliant Reception Which Was

Very Largely Attended.

George E. Thatcher, Captain R. E. Trenary, Frank T. Woodward, J. W. Merryman B. Brooke Baker, R. McKim Parker, George Woodward, Barton Noonan, Herman E. Noakes, Frederick are no clues to the robbers.

Mr. A. J. Dill and wife, of Harrisburg, Pa., are in Wytheville, on a visit of a day or two.

Mr. Charles J. Gillette, of Washington, Potts, Dr. George E. Bushnell, and Charles W. Hensell.

THE ALBERENE ROAD.

WINCHESTER'S SOCIAL EVENT. Scottsville Wants Its Terminus

There-Government Surveyors. SCOTTSVILLE VA. August 21 .- (Spe cial.)-Mesars, Lane Brothers & Co. have WINCHESTER, VA., August 19.-(Spe- over one hundred hands at work this cial.)—A brilliant reception and dance was week grading the Alberene railroad track given on the evening of the 17th They began at Alberene, and are working at the Rouss Engine-House, of the Union in three squads. To-morrow the commit Steam Fire Company, No. 2, by the mem-bers of that company, to the ladles of the road at Alberene to try to induce and their friends, who so ably assisted the organization at their barrar held last February, when over \$1,600 were realized.

The hall was beautifully decorated and filuminated and the merry crowd "tripped the light fantastie" to the sweet strains of the Union Orchestral Clubuntil the early hours of the morn. Refreshments were served in the lower half about midnight.

The committee in charge of the dance were G. Frank Buker, James C. Totty,

Richmond.
Rev. J. R. Daniel is attending the Albomarie Baptist Association at Amhers' Courthouse.
Mr. W. A. Shepherd, who was principal of our graded school, and who has beet reappointed for next term, was here two or three days this week. He belongs to a detachment of United States Government surveyors, who are making a survey of the James river and its two principal branches. They travel each one it a canco, and carry their tent and cooking utensils and surveying implementa and camp out at night.

Mrs. Day, of Isle of Wight county, is on a visit to her granddaughter, wife of Senator Martin, at Scottlands.

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Mr. G. P. Tutwiler, of Richmond, was in our town yesterday. Mrs. Josephine Trevillian, of Richmond,

is a guest at General Hill's.

Miss Annie Robertson, of Norwood, is visiting her friend, Miss Annie Heath, on Main street. Mr. Jere Cleveland, of Buena Vista, is

Mr. Jere Cleveland, of Buena Vista, is here on a visit to his parenta.

Messrs. D. H. Pitts, and John Love went to Cincinnati this week on business connected with their railroad contract.

Mr. Hervey Fox, of New York, is visiting his parents, near town.

Miss Laura V. Huntley, of Richmond, is visiting the family of Mr. P. V. Foland.

Mr. Marlon L. Dawson, of Richmond, is visiting his old home here.

Messrs. R. I. Wade, J. L. Moon, Jr., and Samuel T. Martin paid our town a visit Sunday.

Mr. W. E. Moon, who recently purchased the nice home of Miss Edmonia, Moon, is putting the place in elegant repair, and it will soon be occupied by him.

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